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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P**

**SUBJECT : DPD Coordination with other DD/P elements**

1. The content of this memorandum is in the form of a suggestion based on the writer's experience in doing business with the DD/P area divisions and other elements of the DD/P.

2. Initially when the Office of Logistics was formed, the necessity for adequate information in connection with projected operational plans was clearly indicated. A Planning Staff was established as a part of the new Office of Logistics organization in the hopes of gaining sufficient operational information that could be translated into logistics requirements to insure adequate support of Agency operation. The Office of Logistics initially was looked upon by the operating elements of the Agency with a certain degree of skepticism. The DD/P elements were very reluctant to divulge information on their operations to an activity which was considered "outside the family". Quickly recognizing this problem, a Coordination Branch was created in the Planning Staff consisting of high caliber Logisticians (Grades 13 and 14) each one assigned an operational area of responsibility consistent with the DD/P organization. It was the responsibility of each of these individuals to become acquainted throughout the DD/P elements for which they were responsible, acquainting them with the services which the Office of Logistics, Planning Staff could provide. As this effort began to breakdown the "arms length" attitude of the DD/P elements, arrangements were made between the Office of Logistics Planning Staff and the Area Divisions for each of these logisticians to have a desk in that particular division for which he was responsible where he spent the bulk of his time and could be reached for consultation on logistics problems. This was an extremely successful operation and remained in effect for several years until the Office of Logistics planning activity was accepted. The Coordination Personnel then became a part of the regular logistics planning function.

3. It is with this experience in mind that I strongly recommend that the DPD consider a similar

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relationship with the Area Divisions. The individual thus assigned to be known as the DPD Air Coordinator. As it was with the Office of Logistics Planning Staff operation, the success of this approach depends on having these DPD Air Coordinators physically located with the Area Division reporting into the DPD in the morning and in the evening and, of course, such other times that may be required in providing support to the other DD/P elements.

4. As also was the case again with the Planning Staff Coordinators, the need for Air Coordinators may well evaporate at some point in the future when the area divisions and the DD/P are functioning as a cohesive team. These personnel would then return physically to the DPD, thus strengthening its Air Operations capability.

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